Protest and demonstrations by the Delhi University students and teachers

269. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that protests and demonstrations were resorted to by the Delhi University students and teachers, in January this year, despite the fact that most of the teachers' demands had been accepted or approved by the University Grants Commission and the Central Government;

(b) if so, what was the response of the teachers to the students' demonstrations to press for resumption of teaching by them; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As a result of efforts made by the University, UGC and the Government, the DUTA has withdrawn the strike and teaching has been resumed with effect from 23rd February, 1986.

Delay caused to the Bombay Delhi flight due to a passenger-commander quarrel

270. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Airlines Airbus IC-408 on a flight from Bombay to Delhi left Bombay about 40 minutes late on January 15, 1986, but returned to Bombay soon after take off, because of a quarrel between a passenger and the Commander;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident;

(c) whether any rules/regulations have been laid down to deal with such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: (a) and (b) An enquiry is being conducted into the incident.

(c) and (d) The rules that are relevant to this case are Rule 141(3) and Rules 29 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. Rule 141(3) lays down that the Pilot-in-Command has the final authority as to the disposition of the aircraft while he is in command. Rule 29 provides that "No person shall interfere with the pilot or with a member of the operating crew of an aircraft, or tamper with the aircraft or its equipment or conduct himself in a disorderly manner in an aircraft or commit any act likely to imperil the safety of an aircraft or its passengers or crew".

Sale of spurious drugs in the country

271. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Patriot' of 15th January, 1986, wherein it has been stated that over 10 per cent drugs sold in India are spurious according to the statement by Shri V. Paraneshware representative of the Indian Medical Association; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An analysis of a number of samples of drugs by the Drug Testing Laboratories revealed that between 15 and 18 per cent of the samples tested were found to be sub-standard. To tackle the problem of sub-standard drugs, the Government set up

a Task Force which recommended that —

(1) Every drug manufacturing unit should have minimum testing facilities.

(2) strict control over licensing of drug formulations.

(3) strengthening of the Inspectorate staff in the States.

(4) establishment of a separate intelligence machinery to tackle the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs.

(5) constitution of special courts deal with the offences under Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Its recommendations were communicated to the State Governments and the State Governments have been requested repeatedly to give effect to the recommendations. A proforma has been prescribed for monthly submission of reports by the State Drug Controllers and the States Governments have been requested to send monthly reports on drawal of samples and analysis of them. These reports are consolidated and commented upon. Also a list of equipment necessary for drug testing laboratories has been communicated to the State Units and the State Governments have been requested to equip their laboratories accordingly. On 22nd February, 1986 a meeting of the State Health Ministers was held exclusively to discuss matters relating to implementation of Drugs & Cosmetics Act and the P. F. A. Act. At the meeting, the Health & Family Welfare Minister urged the State Health Ministers to strengthen and the drug control machinery with the object of putting down production, distribution and sale of sub-standard and spurious drugs.

Finding of ostrich shells in the rann of Kutch

272. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Times of India of the 17th January, 1986 wherein it has been stated that a team of researchers has found ostrich shells in the Rann of Kutch during the course of archeological survey Similar found in Nagda in Madhya Pradesh. Chandersal in Rajasthan and in Pune; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The leader of the team has been addressed for furnishing the details which will be made available to the Hon'ble Members.

Opening of model schools

273. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 55 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the phasing for opening of model schools in every district of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government also propose to consider request from the private institutions regarding opening of model schools subject to the fulfilment of the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: (a) and (b) The Government intends to establish one model school in each district during the Seventh Plan period by covering on an average about 100 districts each year depending on the availability of suitable offers for locating the new schools from the State Governments concerned.

(c) No, Sir. An autonomous organisation is being set up under Government